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JORGE ANTONIO MARTINEZ SOTO voluntarily appeared at the Miami Office of the FBI in answer to a telephone call placed to him at the Fontainebleau Hotel on March 22, 1964. MARTINEZ said he is known as GEORGE MARTINEZ, and he felt he had sufficient comprehension of English to permit conduct of the interview in the English language.

MARTINEZ said he has on occasions in the past taken visitors in his personal car to tourist attractions in the Miami area, including the Parrot Jungle. He recalled the occasion on or about November 1, 1963, when he took tourists to the Parrot Jungle, and while there engaged in conversation with the employees in the gift shop and displayed his ability to write with both hands simultaneously. During interview, he exhibited this ability by writing his name, JORGE MARTINEZ, with both hands simultaneously.

Mr. MARTINEZ stated that he had no personal acquaintanceship with, or knowledge of, LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said that if the Parrot Jungle employee thought he had expressed an association or acquaintanceship with OSWALD, this misunderstanding on the part of the employee must have resulted from his poor pronunciation of English, and lack of grammatical correctness. He stated that, in fact, he knew no one with the first name LEE, and was at a loss to understand how the employee might have obtained this misunderstanding. He said, likewise, he had no friend located either in Texas or Mexico, and that the incident of his having allegedly spoken in this sense was completely erroneous.

MARTINEZ stated that he does regard himself as excitable, and particularly so with regard to the control of Cuba by FIDEL CASTRO, and that he may have made some remarks related to CASTRO which were misinterpreted by the Parrot Jungle employee as directed toward President JOHN

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F. KENNEDY. He said he vaguely recalled having spoken about CASTRO and the Cuban situation. He said, by way of explaining remarks attributed to him by the Parrot Jungle employee, that he may have said that he wished he were in Washington, or that he were the President of the United States so that he could exercise the power to blow up FIDEL CASTRO. MARTINEZ said he may also have expressed some displeasure at what he regards as the failure of the United States to rid Cuba of CASTRO, but it was not a criticism of the United States Government, which he considers to be the best in the world. MARTINEZ denied that he would have made any such statement as "shooting between the eyes of President KENNEDY," and explained that if he made any such references, it would most certainly have been with respect to FIDEL CASTRO.

MARTINEZ stated that he is acquainted with no one whom he knows to be a U. S. citizen and Marxist, or such an individual who had served in the U. S. Armed Forces. He stated that he, himself, speaks Spanish and broken English, and no other language, and he does not have any friend or acquaintance who can speak the Russian language. MARTINEZ said that, likewise, he could think of no acquaintance whom he knew to be a marksman or sharpshooter, and he added that if he had made some remark of this nature to the Parrot Jungle employee, it was unquestionably in reference to the means by which he would like to see FIDEL CASTRO eliminated.

MARTINEZ said he did not recall what may have prompted him to talk along these general lines during his visit to the Parrot Jungle, but possibly some development

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in the Cuban situation had recently occurred which could have upset him. He said that it was incredible that anyone should think that he would have any relationship with a pro-CASTRO person, because, in fact, he has only hate for CASTRO sympathizers. He related that he was employed in the Ministry of Finance in Cuba as of 1949, and continued in that department until the beginning of 1959, at which time he was the Customs Inspector in Charge of Havana Harbor and the Colombia Air Base near Havana. He said he was economically comfortable, in that he was earning \$900.00 a month as of 1959, and resided rent free in a \$40,000.00 home in Havana which belonged to his aunt, and which he would eventually inherit.

MARTINEZ continued that his former father-in-law, CARLOS PUJOL, was a government administrator during the regime of Cuban President CARLOS PRIO, and it was through PUJOL that MARTINEZ originally obtained employment in 1949 in the Ministry of Finance.

He said that his own father, ANTONIO MARTINEZ PEREZ ABREU, had been a successful and well-to-do attorney in Cuba prior to the advent of FIDEL CASTRO to power, but had since lost his properties through confiscation by the CASTRO regime. He said he did not know the whereabouts of his father, although the latter might still be in Cuba. He said that his mother, CARMEN SOTO URQUIZA, had divorced his father years ago, and married EMILIO GARCIA PEREZ, who had lost a large amount of income property in Cuba to the Cuban Government. He said his mother and step-father continue to live in Cuba.



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MARTINEZ said that his wife, CONCEPCION LUISA CORTES MADRAZO, had come to the United States with him in July, 1960, but they have since separated and are contemplating divorce.

MARTINEZ stated that his immigration into the United States was sponsored by MICHAEL McLANEY, who had operated the casino in the Nacional Hotel in Havana before the Government of FIDEL CASTRO closed down such operations. MARTINEZ said that when he lost his job in the Cuban Customs Service in the first part of 1959, when the CASTRO Government removed the pre-CASTRO personnel, he, MARTINEZ, worked for McLANEY at the casino in the general capacity of handling Spanish-speaking clients. He said that as of July, 1960, he reached the decision that he could no longer accept the restrictions of freedom being imposed by the CASTRO regime, and decided to move to the United States. He said that very shortly after arrival, he began employment at the Fontainebleau Hotel at Miami Beach as a "runner," handling cars, and with the exception of about three or four weeks during 1960 when he worked at a motel on the 79th Street Causeway, Miami Beach, he has been steadily employed at the Fontainebleau.

MARTINEZ stated that he is a graduate of the Belen College in Cuba, and had studied law for one year at the University of Havana. He said he had not joined the forces which engaged in the Cuban invasion of April, 1961, but subsequently volunteered for training in the Cuban unit of the United States Army, but was not accepted, possibly because he was overage. He stated he has never

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applied for nor received assistance or aid under the Cuban Refugee Program.

In conclusion, MARTINEZ stated he would volunteer to take a polygraph examination at any time if any question remained as to possible acquaintance with, or knowledge of, LEE HARVEY OSWALD or any other individual who may be engaged in any plan or activity inimical to the interests of the United States.

Physical description of MARTINEZ was noted as follows:

Age	36, born 2/15/28, Havana Province, Cuba
Height	5' 8"
Hair	Black, straight
Eyes	Hazel-green
Complexion	Olive